

TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES 5/1/17**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM by Peter J. O'Neill in the Large Conference Room.

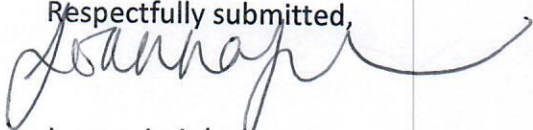
The salute of the American Flag took place in the Public Meeting Room.

Members present were: Richard Pfluger, Peter J. O'Neill, George Armenti, Brendan Rae, Jerry Aroneo and Joanna Askey.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved unanimously by members.

1. Status report of the Vision Committee: discussion of transition and coordination issues raised by the departure of the township administrator. Next meeting is this Thursday.
2. We will prepare a proposal for the Township Committee recommending the retention of a landscape architect to serve as an advisor to the Vision Committee, Open Space Committee, Shade Tree Committee and other boards and committees as needed. Chairman O'Neill will work on this.
3. We have had a few discussions about the status of Passaic River desnagging. Passaic River desnagging work was done a couple of years ago (post-Sandy) under a grant received by a consortium of towns including Long Hill. This project has been completed and major snags were removed although minor snags remain. There is no further desnagging work planned as far as we are aware.
4. We discussed the Gillette open space property and possibilities for trails in that area.
5. Joanna will follow up on arranging a meeting with Morris County Parks personnel to discuss any planning goals for our area.
6. Discussion of the procedure for receipt of notices from the Planning and Zoning Boards.
7. Discussion of restrictions on the use of Blue Acres properties. The intent behind the grant is for the properties to return to a natural state for flood control.
8. We have received a statement of the finances for the Open Space Trust Fund and will continue to receive monthly updates.
9. Public comments and announcements: none.
10. Meeting ended at 9:20 p.m. upon motion to adjourn which was unanimously approved. Next meeting will be held on June 5, 2017 in the Large Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Joanna L. Askey